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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 26, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY C. JOHNSON, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we lift up our voices to You. We come into Your presence with singing. Granted, some of us can only make a joyful noise and others are hard-pressed to carry anything close to a melodious tune, but we rejoice knowing You are the one who made us. We each belong to You. In this we find our delight.

So may we serve You with gladness, that our voices would speak of Your infinite goodness. Give us gentle words to turn away the asperity of dissent and divisiveness. Restrain our harsh words that we would not contribute to quarrels nor fuel dispute.

We are the sheep of Your pasture. May we enter Your gates with praise. May we fill Your courts, this Chamber, with thanksgiving.

For You, the Lord, are good, and Your steadfast love endures forever. Your faithfulness is to all generations. In the joy of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolu-

tion 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. KAPTUR led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

TRANSATLANTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECURITY ACT

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge passage of the bipartisan Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act that Congressman KINZINGER and I have introduced.

Central and Eastern European nations are working to develop the modern telecommunications infrastructure necessary to facilitate global connectivity in the 21st century. At the same time, China, through its Belt and Road Initiative, is strategically inducing dependence on its financing and technology to construct these projects, endangering liberty and security.

5G technology represents the future of global communications. We must not allow those who are hostile to freedom and democracy to dominate this technological space and undermine stability.

Our allies need American financing and partnership. Through the Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act, let us construct and deploy the state-of-the-art networks that will spur economic prosperity and connect people and communities.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all my colleagues to join us in this bill. We must stand with our European allies against the threats posed by foreign adversaries. And please, help us pass the Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act without delay.

TITLE 42

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, last week, I visited with the police officers in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to hear firsthand about the drug epidemic that is facing communities in my district.

One of the officers told me a story of how just the night before, he recovered over 150 bags of heroin after receiving a 911 call for a man abusing a puppy on a public street. This story gets to the heart of what these deadly drugs do to our communities.

Instead of addressing this crisis by securing our border, President Biden has chosen to end title 42, a program that has helped our Border Patrol agents protect Americans.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to fight the drug epidemic that has allowed heroin, crack cocaine, and fentanyl to take the lives of so many Pennsylvanians, so many Americans.

It is time to secure our border and make title 42 the law of the land.

It is time to face the drug crisis head on.

It is time to protect all of our communities.

WE ARE A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, once again, we find ourselves in an unguided, misguided debate about the fundamental concept of our nation of immigrants. We find ourselves in a debate trying to deny what we really are, a nation of immigrants.

Mr. Speaker, let me remind you, on average, TPS holders have lived in the United States for over 22 years—many of them hailing from Latin American countries. Redesignating and designating TPS would be a wise thing for over 2 million people already residing in the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, in addition, families often have to wait decades before they reunite with their family members; sometimes four decades, three decades, before they reunite with their children.

Mr. Speaker, 4 million people are waiting to reunite with their families. United families are stronger. United families make America stronger. Let's unite the families. That is a family value. Unity of the family is a family value that we must protect.

Mr. Speaker, we are a nation of immigrants.

EULOGY FOR FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, April is Financial Literacy Month, the perfect time to remind Americans just how financially irresponsible Democrats are. Democrats have used the pocketbooks of hardworking Americans to fund a multitrillion-dollar spending spree and now have the audacity to deny responsibility for the inflation crisis. This includes extending the student loan repayment moratorium three times, costing taxpayers over \$150 billion.

Democrats are financially irresponsible and are dragging student borrowers along with them. In January, the administration announced it would no longer require borrowers to sign an online acknowledgment about their total student debt each year before taking out additional loans. We should make it easier for student borrowers to understand the gravity of taking out tens of thousands of dollars in student loan debt, not hiding it from them.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats' policies don't promote financial literacy, they promote financial illiteracy.

HONORING YARELIS HERNANDEZ

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of an engineer from my district.

Yarelis Hernandez of Clinton was recently recognized by the National Association of Manufacturers with the Women in Manufacturing STEP Ahead Awards. This award is awarded to

women who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in the manufacturing field.

Diversity is a passion of Yarelis' as she serves on LyondellBasell's Diversity, Equity, and Leadership Council striving to implement diversity in the workforce.

In the community, Yarelis also sits on the local economic board leading development between schools and corporations to create jobs for Iowa students. Yarelis volunteers in the local Introduce a Girl to Engineering program, which is a mentorship for girls interested in STEM careers.

Yarelis' dedication to promoting diversity and STEM for young girls is why she is worthy of receiving such a prestigious award. I am so proud to represent distinguished women like Yarelis and cannot wait to see her continued impact in the district.

PRAYERS FOR OFFICER DREW BARR

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Midlands of South Carolina were shocked to learn of the shooting death Sunday of Cayce police officer, Andrew "Drew" Barr, age 27.

Killed in the line of duty, Officer Barr was a brave, dedicated public servant, who will always be cherished as a champion for law and order.

Officer Barr was familiar with danger. Shortly after graduating from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in 2017, he and another Cayce police officer were shot during an incident that involved a car chase and foot pursuit. They were awarded medals for bravery.

"Our hearts are breaking in Cayce. Officer Drew Barr has been an important part of the Cayce family since 2016," heralded by Cayce Mayor Elise Partin.

"Officer Barr gave the ultimate sacrifice for us to make us safe," confirmed by Cayce Police Chief Chris Cowan.

Cayce is fortunate to have Mayor Partin, Chief Cowan, and a law-enforcement-experienced councilman, Tim James.

Our prayers for the family of Texas National Guardsman Bishop Evans, who is a hero for trying to protect the drug-infested southern border.

God bless Ukraine. God bless Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

PRESIDENT ULYSSES S. GRANT 200TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. WENSTRUP asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th birthday of our 18th United States President, Ulysses S. Grant.

President Grant was born in Point Pleasant, located in Clermont County in Ohio's Second Congressional District. When Ulysses was a child, the Grant family moved to Brown County, also in Ohio's Second District, and there he was educated before accepting a nomination to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Following his commissioning, Grant served in the Mexican-American War, and most notably, the Civil War, where he became Commanding General of the United States Army in 1864.

General Grant oversaw the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House and served as Commanding General of the Army until he was elected President in 1868. He served two terms as President, overseeing the beginning of the Reconstruction Era in the United States.

President Grant is the General who "saved the Union." He was a great leader who left his mark in American history. We should all seek to follow his example and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have President Grant's birthplace in Ohio's Second Congressional District, a true landmark of our Nation's history.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

(Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Florida's 20th Congressional District to recognize the necessary work of the National Infertility Association in honor of National Infertility Awareness Week. This week brings together millions of Americans who want to remove the stigma and the barriers that stand in the way of building families.

Mr. Speaker, one in eight couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining pregnancies, and many more people face barriers to building a family. Through national media, social media, and fundraising, the infertility community will take action to increase awareness of infertility in order to remove stigmas and improve access to healthy family-building options.

Mr. Speaker, I hope we do the same thing for infertility issues like we did for the Affordable Insulin Act.

TSA MASK MANDATE

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, last week, U.S. District Judge Kathryn Mizelle voided President Biden and the CDC's overbearing and unnecessary mask mandate for airplanes and public transportation.

After the announcement, I saw many videos online of many flyers and flight attendants joyously ripping off their masks to celebrate. I had urged, along